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For: POLYCYCLIC  $\alpha$ -AMINO- $\epsilon$ - ) Examiner: B. Kifle  
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**AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO OFFICE ACTION**

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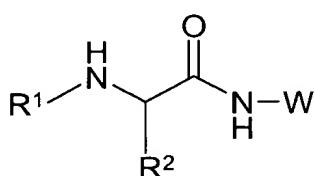
This Reply and Amendment is in response to the Office Action mailed on February 4, 2003, for the above-referenced patent application setting a three month period for response. Accordingly, this response is being filed on or before May 4, 2003. It is believed that no fee is due in connection with this filing; however, if a fee is due, please charge our Deposit Account No. 02-4800.

**AMENDMENT**

**In the Claims:**

Please amend Claims 63, 64 and 109 as follows:

63. (Twice Amended) A compound of formula I:



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